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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Kathryn Baumann-Reese

has been with DSCI—DHR since 1987. She's moving on to new adventures. We've all really enjoyed working with her. She's been a wonderful caring leader, teacher, mentor, boss, and friend with a beautiful smile! She was the one who we all looked up to for several years. She will definitely be missed SO MUCH by everyone! We've been blessed and thank Kathryn for giving us opportunities so fulfilling with her generous support and for giving us experiences and memories that we'll never forget! Farewell and best wishes to Kathryn.



I miss you!

Thanks for the popcorn and for the company of Junior Commissioners @ Dolliver Park.



## INFORMATION

### Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network (CEPIN): Floods Fact Sheet:

[www.cepintdi.org/newsroom/fact-sheets](http://www.cepintdi.org/newsroom/fact-sheets)

## NATIONAL WEBSITE INFORMATION

### NATIONAL LEVEL ORGANIZATIONS WEBSITES

- Hearing Loss Association of America ([HLAA](#))
- National Association of the Deaf ([NAD](#))
- Association of Late Deafened Adult ([ALDA](#))

## STATE WEBSITE INFORMATION

### STATE LEVEL ORGANIZATIONS WEBSITES

- Iowa Association of the Deaf ([IAD](#))
- Central Iowa Hearing Loss Association ([CIHLA](#))
- Iowa Hands & Voices ([Hands & Voices](#))
- Iowa State Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf ([ISRID](#))

Visit DSCI website: [www.deafservices.iowa.gov](http://www.deafservices.iowa.gov) Questions or Comments? Email us: [dhr.dsci@iowa.gov](mailto:dhr.dsci@iowa.gov)

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## INFORMATION

### Notice of ADA Settlement by Wells Fargo

U.S. Department of Justice has obtained a settlement with Wells Fargo under the Title III of the ADA. It addresses all violations of failure to communicate effectively with people who are deaf, are hard of hearing or have speech disabilities such as its past refusal to accept relay calls from people. A copy of the settlement is available at [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov) or can be obtained by emailing [WFclaims@usdoj.gov](mailto:WFclaims@usdoj.gov) or calling 1-800-514-0301 (voice) or 1-800-514-0383 (TTY).

### Possible Payments to Individuals Harmed by Disability Discrimination

Who is eligible for payment? If you experienced being denied effective communication, you may be able to get a payment.

How can you submit a claim?

1. By sending an email with your name, address and telephone number requesting claim information to [WFclaims@usdoj.gov](mailto:WFclaims@usdoj.gov)
2. By visiting the ADA Home Page at [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)
3. By calling the Disability Rights Section at 866-708-1273 (voice mail) or 866-544-5309 (TTY). **Act now! All claims must be received by January 29, 2012.** Claims received after that date are not eligible for possible payment.

How will claims be processed? All claims will be evaluated by the Civil Rights Division, which will make the final decisions about who receives a payment and the payment amount. Anyone found eligible to receive a payment must sign a release of claims before any payment will be made.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**7/01: 6:00 pm: American Sign Language Social** hosted by Deaf Awareness and DMACC located at [ALL-Play](#), Des Moines.

**7/09: 10:00 am: 80th Anniversary Celebration Picnic** hosted by **Mascia Club** located at North Iowa Fairground, Eisenhower Ave. 4-H Bldg., 3700—4th St. SW., Mason City, IA. Lunch will be served between noon—1 p.m. Click here to see [flyer with more information](#).

**7/09: 10:30 am: 22nd Annual Fairfield Deaf Picnic** hosted by **Douglas Millhouse** located at Jefferson County Park, Fairfield, IA Click here to see [flyer with more information](#).

**7/09: 7:00 pm: Families & Friends Community Night—Cedar Rapids Kernels Baseball at Veterans Memorial Stadium.** Purchase tickets at CSD/DIAA Office, 4403—1st Ave, SE, Suite 302, Cedar Rapids.

**7/22: 10:00 am: Deaf Services Commission of Iowa Commission Meeting** located at Urbandale Public Library, Meeting Room A, 3520—86th Street, Urbandale, Iowa.

**7/28–30: Iowa Association of the Deaf Conference** located at Council Bluffs. For more information: [www.iowadeaf.com](http://www.iowadeaf.com)

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Check out YouTube:**  
[Deaf Services in Yosemite National Park](#)

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